

1. Detailed Action

2. The 103 (a) rejection over Strong et. al., the 103 (a) rejection over Astles et. al. , and the 112, second paragraph rejections of claims 20-21, 37-38 and 33-34, 37-47, are rendered moot in light of applicant's arguments and amendments.

3. (new rejection)

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

6. Claims 5-6 recite the limitation "Claim 4" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim and also for this limitation in claims 7-8.

Claims 1-3, 9-14, 16-18, 20-30, 32-35, 37-46, 49 are allowable.

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